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Your online guide to the sensational world of Sega and Sonic The Comic. Hosted by Megadroid.

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Hey, Boomers!

It's that time of the year when a young hume's fancy turns to the U.K.'s official Sega comic. Quite right too. This issue sees that heroic hedgehog face some fast and furious action in the first part of Count Down to Disaster. The Shinobi secret is out in Power of the Elements! It's shake 'n' mac time for Tails ... And all is far from shipshape with Captain Plunder and His Sky Pirates.

Question: What's 50, is covered in tattoos and has never looked better? No, not the humes-whothink-they're-in-charge (they're definitely not wearing as well!). Why it's your super, Sega-sational STC of course! Prepare for gold in a fortnight with our clucking good Easter issue, which also happens to be STC's 50th Golden Edition! Some things just get better with

Mersey mania gripped the office as wannabe liverbirds sent in entries for the competition: Win A VIP Day in Liverpool, courtesy of world famous software house Sony Psygnosis (see issue 42). All you had to do was answer the following three questions:-

- Q: Who does Flink have to tackle to save his land?
- A: Wizard Wainwright.
- Q: Psygnosis has produced many top-selling games over the years. Can you name them (any format)?
- A: Lemmings, Puggsy, Whiz 'n' Liz (to name but a few).
- Q: Name the famous river that flows through Liverpool.
- A: The Mersey.

The prize-winning entrants who gave the correct answers were plucked from a cobweb ladened pair of Kenny Delglish's shorts (oh, ask your mum or your dad!).

THE WINNER:

B. Tucker, Reading, Berks.

- plus a friend/parent will be treated to an all expenses paid VIP Day at Sony Psygnosis headquarters in Liverpool! You'll get to see how games are made and you'll meet the makers of that great adventure game Flink, You'll also be given lunch, refreshments, a goody bag and a special copy of Flink for the Mega Drive. Congrat-

2ND PRIZE WINNERS:

will each receive a copy of Flink for the Mega Drive.

- G. Cooker, Filey, Scarborough.
- J. Cooper, Hull, Humberside.
- R. Greaterix, Macclesfield, Cheshire.
- A. Green, Bury St. Edmunds.
- S. Mealing, Warrington, Cheshire.

A LORRA LORRA RUNNERS-UP: will each receive a full colour Flink

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- A. Atkins, Gillingham, Kent.
- G. Ayris, Kidlington, Oxon.
- C. Bell, Newport, Wales.
- D. Bennett, Stafford, Staffs.
- O. Bilby, Paignton, Devon.
- Boxall, Hastlemere, Surrey
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- L. Sullivan, Batley, W Yorks.
- A. Wilson, Nuneaton, Warks.
- C. White, Aberdeen, Scotland.
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Congratulations and watch out for further megatastic competitions in future issues of STC.

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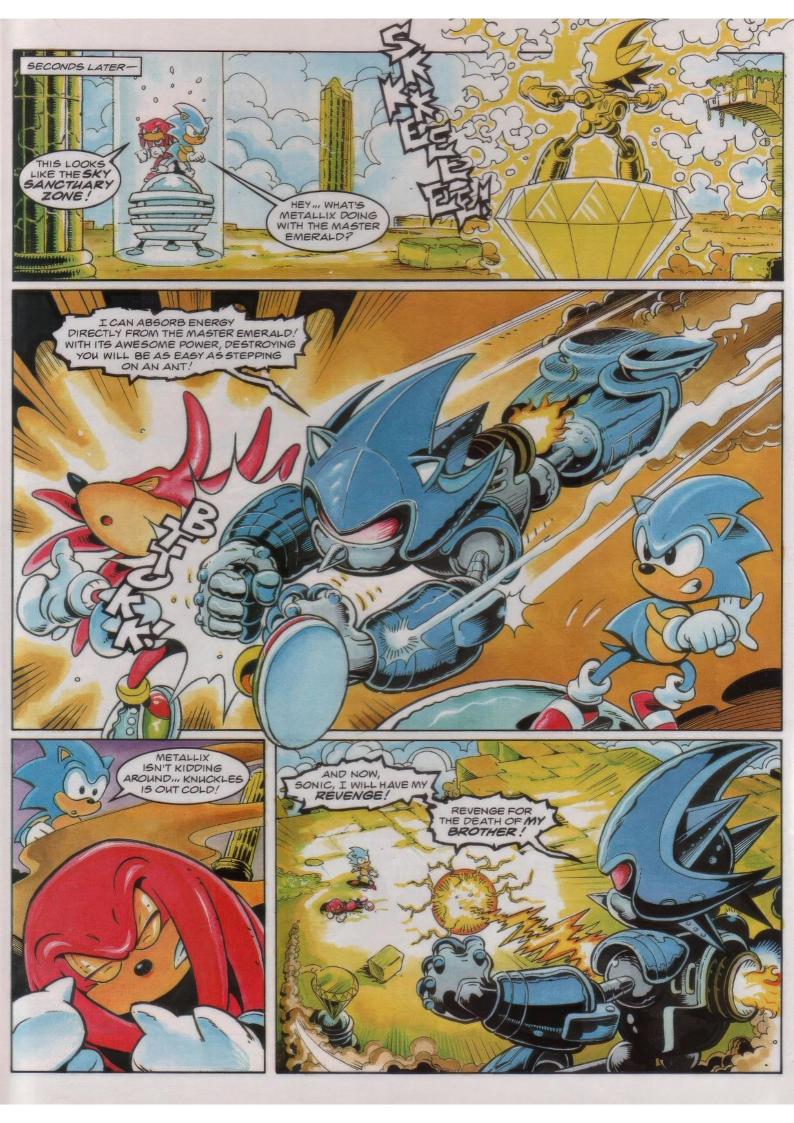
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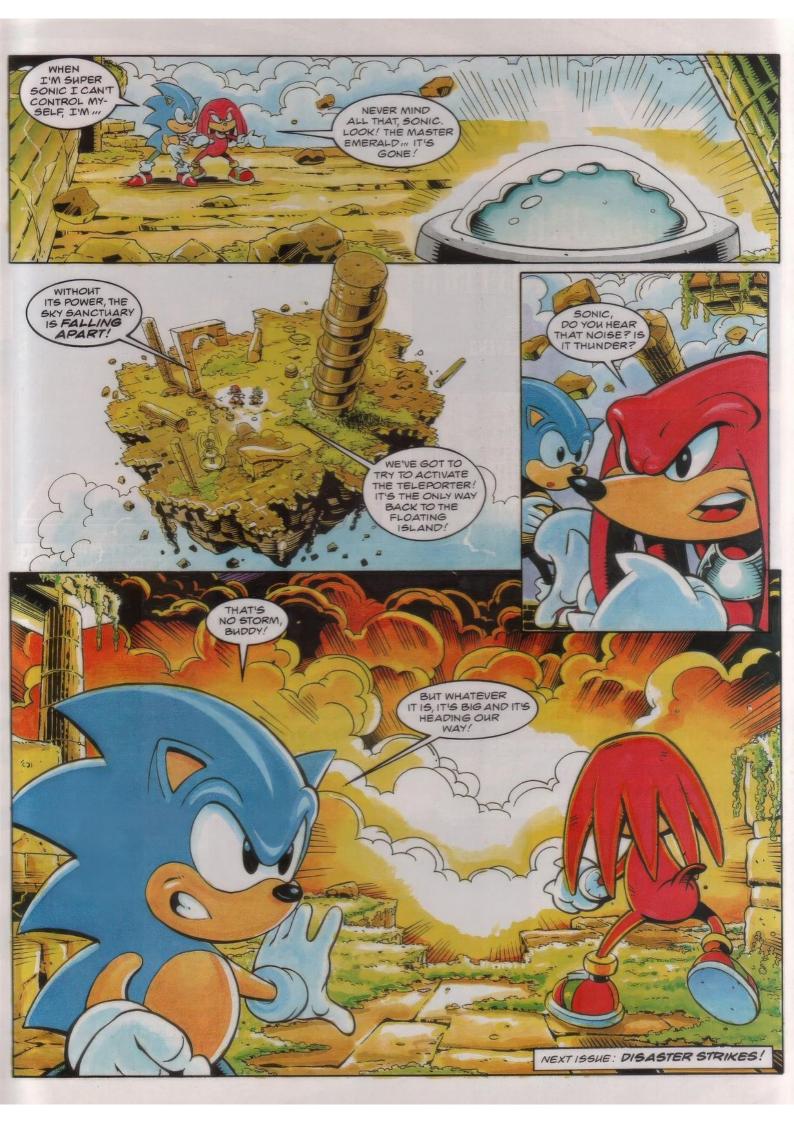












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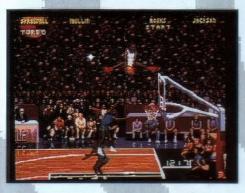
Jenny Fromer & David Gibbon

NBA JAM Tournament edition



game type: SPORTS
1-4 PLAYERS

Mega Drive



NBA Jam was one of the most successful games of last year selling over four million copies. NBA Jam Tournament Edition is similar to the original, but includes a number

of enhancements that make this a worthy sequel,

For starters you get nine additional dunks. Dunks (no, it's not rude!) for those who don't know, occur when the player leaps higher than your average high jumper, and performs a spectacular move before slamming the ball into the basket. The cameras are still there to take a picture during those flashy moments! The running commentary remains clear and includes many more phrases. In fact, the game hardly goes by a second without something being said!

NBA Jam Tournament Edition features twice the

number of NBA players plus 'secret characters' which can only be used with a special cheat. This adds to the fun and overall life span of the game. The animation is much more slick than the original and brand new features include a complete NBA tournament, Hot Spots and Super Jam Power-Ups. Hots Spots appear at random times in the arena and when a player shoots while standing on one, they can gain up to five extra bonus points. Power-Ups, as in a platform game, appear as



RATING SYSTEM
under 40% = Yawnsville
40 - 70% = Normalsville

70 - 80% = Fun City 80 - 90% = Big Time City Over 90% = Mega City



collectables to improve your performance and range from increasing your speed to giving you bombs which are handy for flattening everyone on court!

NBA Jam Tournament Edition has all-round improvements, new features and increased excitement. If

you have an adaptor you can use the four-player option, but the two-player mode is still there making gameplay more fun. The perfect excuse to get your pals round for a jamming session! - DG



BEAUIS AND BUTT-HEAD



game type: ACTION ADVENTURE 1-2 PLAYERS

Mega Drive

WARNING: THIS GAME IS NOT SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER READERS CHECK RATING BEFORE YOU BUY.



Beavis and Butt-Head, stars of MTV's cult cartoon, have come to the Mega Drive and brought their air guitars with them. As fans of the show will know, the undynamic duo

exist to hang out in the suburban world of shopping malls and burger joints. In this adventure the pair have major problems as the neighbour's pooch has chewed their tickets to see the most excellent GWAR in concert. As Beavis, Butt-Head or both you must find the nine ticket pieces.

Playing Beavis and Butt-Head is much like watching the cartoon. The basic line drawings have been carefully reproduced and there are a range of familiar sound-bites. The game itself is basically a side-on view role-playing adventure. Beavis and Butt-Head begin with their own built-in weapons (less said here the better) which they

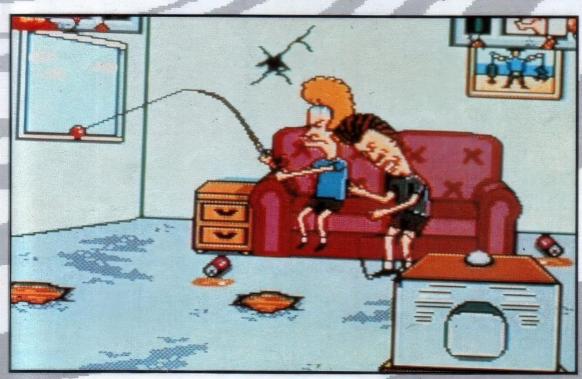


later replace with more serious hardware. Your search takes you over six locations, accessible only by channel-surfing, and winds up at the GWAR concert.

The best thing about **Beavis and Butt-Head** is the puzzle element which forces you to think as they do. A good tip to follow is not to do the expected, just the most disgusting thing. For instance, there is a use for the dead rat! The two player mode is by far the most fun as both characters can easily be operated simultaneously and they work well as a team. Sensibly there is a password option which keeps the game flowing.

On the down side, the game is just a bit too short. Experienced game-players should get through this fairly quickly and everyone will get a bit frustrated with constantly returning to the same places. That said, after I stopped being "grossed out" by the characters, I found that Beavis and Butt-Head was a serious challenge

which kept me interested throughout. - JF

















Graphic Zone

Here's a selection of egg-cellent Easter drawings. Each artist-Boomer will receive an original Sonic badge, first seen in STC issue 2.



Hard-bolled Hedgehog!

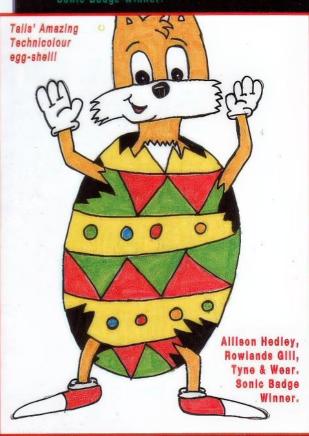
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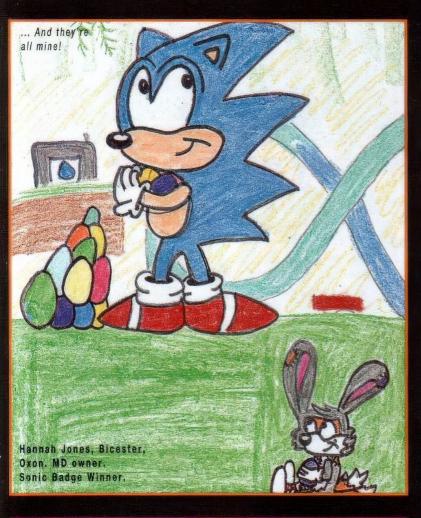
↑ Adam Gado, Redcar, Cleveland. MS/MD owner. Sonio Badge Winner.



↑ Master Darren Lines, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Sonic Badge Winner.

Anon, Please send name and address details









Adam Haahr Torquay, Devon. MS owner. Sonic Badge Winner.

To help get your handywork selected in future Graphic Zones, please take note of the following tips:-

- * Draw in paint or felt tip pen on plain white paper (avoid lined paper and pencils or crayons as they don't show up as well when printed).
- * Be original and don't copy pictures from the comic come up with your own ideas.
- Include your name and address, preferably written in capital letters on the back of the page.

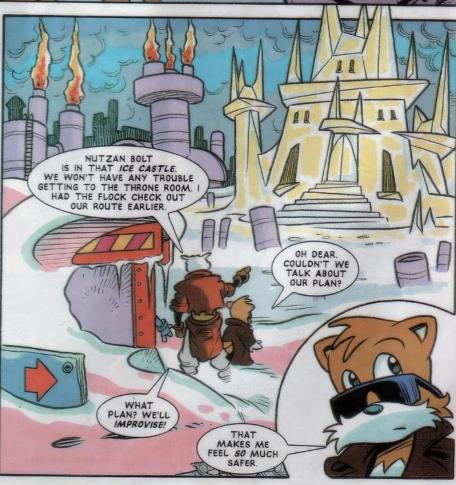






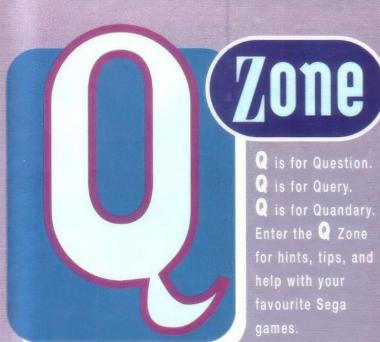












For every Boomer who has successfully completed Sonic and Knuckles, there are plenty more out there who haven't! So lets see you knuckle down to more games revelations courtesy of David Gibbon!





Q. I am still having trouble getting past the Flying Battery Zone. Please could you supply some cheats or tips to help me?

lan Boddy, Easingwold, York.

A. Your wish is my command, Ian. The Flying Battery Zone is not that difficult a level if you know what you're doing. Although this level was covered in depth in our Sonic & Knuckles Q Zone Special (STC 43 &

44), I can give you a few extra tips on getting past the difficult bits.

FLYING BATTERY ZONE - ACT ONE

1. Once you get past the propeller section, you may

become stuck. The idea is to go right, down, then left and jump over the Power Skis. Continue left and you'll be heading the right way.

- When you reach a part which has parachuting bombs, you may find yourself stuck again. Just wait here until a hole appears in the ground and drop down to continue.
- Q. I am well and truly stuck on Sonic & Knuckles. Please print a level select cheat as well as some Game Genie codes in your fab comic.

Terry Butler, Glam, South Wales, Liam Devine, Ayr, Scotland, Allison Hedley, Tyne & Wear, Matthew Leggett, Colchester, Matthew Thistlethwaite, Carnforth,



Lancs, and everybody else!

A. We've had lots of requests for a level select cheat and Game Genie codes, but unfortunately not all have come to light. But don't worry Boomers, as soon as they do the Q Zone will keep you posted.

Q. In STC 44's Sonic & Knuckles Special, I noticed that you didn't explain how to get past the second boss in Act 2 of the Lava Reef Zone. Please save my sanity and tell me how this is done! Ben Duncan, Wickford, Essex, Daniel Thorpe, Norwich,

Norfolk, and Shane Dowle, Herne Bay, Kent.

A. Oops-a-daisy! Many apologies, Boomers. I'll put your minds at ease right now with the solution to this bossbeating problem!

LAVA REEF BOSS - ACT TWO

When you reach the boss, jump across the lava and onto the right platform. Keep running right until you reach the lava waterfall as many of the platforms will collapse if you stand still for too long. Once there, jump onto the first moving platform and repeat this until you reach the third. Now, jump right and you'll fall down and land on a dead platform. From here, head left jumping onto more non-moving platforms. When you reach the last, jump left onto a moving platform. This will carry you down to the bottom of the waterfall, where Robotnik will enter and the real battle begins!

As soon as the platform starts to move into Robotnik, jump from platform-to-platform. Do this slowly and accurately and you'll have no worries about landing in the lava or being hit by one of Robotnik's bombs. When the land levels out, stand on the platform closest to Robotnik and repeat all the aforementioned steps. By doing this you'll eventually destroy him - for the time being at least!





Q. After reading the instruction manual to Sonic & Knuckles, I noticed that it mentioned an extra level called the Doomsday Zone. Why was it not shown in the Q Zone special?

Jack Montgomery, Edinburgh, Scotland.

A. There is a Doomsday Zone in Sonic & Knuckles Jack, but it's extremely difficult to get to. Firstly, you need to plug Sonic 3 into S & K. Then you need to complete Sonic 3 with all the emeralds, and thirdly get through S & K (with all the emeralds) to finally reach the Doomsday Zone, A very tall order indeed!

If there are any super-Sonic-genius-type Boomers out there who have reached the Doomsday Zone then please write in (with proof, of course!) as we would really like to see your dazzling efforts!

Q. I read the review of Sonic & Knuckles and you said that there is no save game option. However, I have found a way of doing this:-

First, place Sonic 3 into S & K, complete the game and you'll start to play S & K. You'll get the opportunity to use a save game option. Shows how much the experts know!

Adam Robinson, c/o Sgts Mess, R.A.F. Laarbruch.

A. All right, clever clogs! You may have found a way of saving your position in the game, but what I say still stands. There is no save option in S & K.

If your query hasn't been included in this issue, don't worry, I'm sure there'll be more S & K in a future Q & A. Stay tuned!









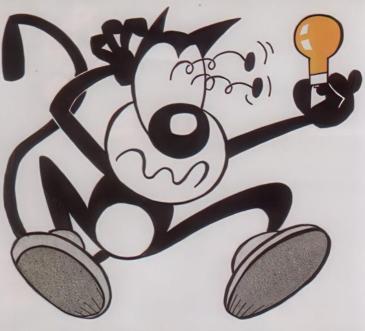








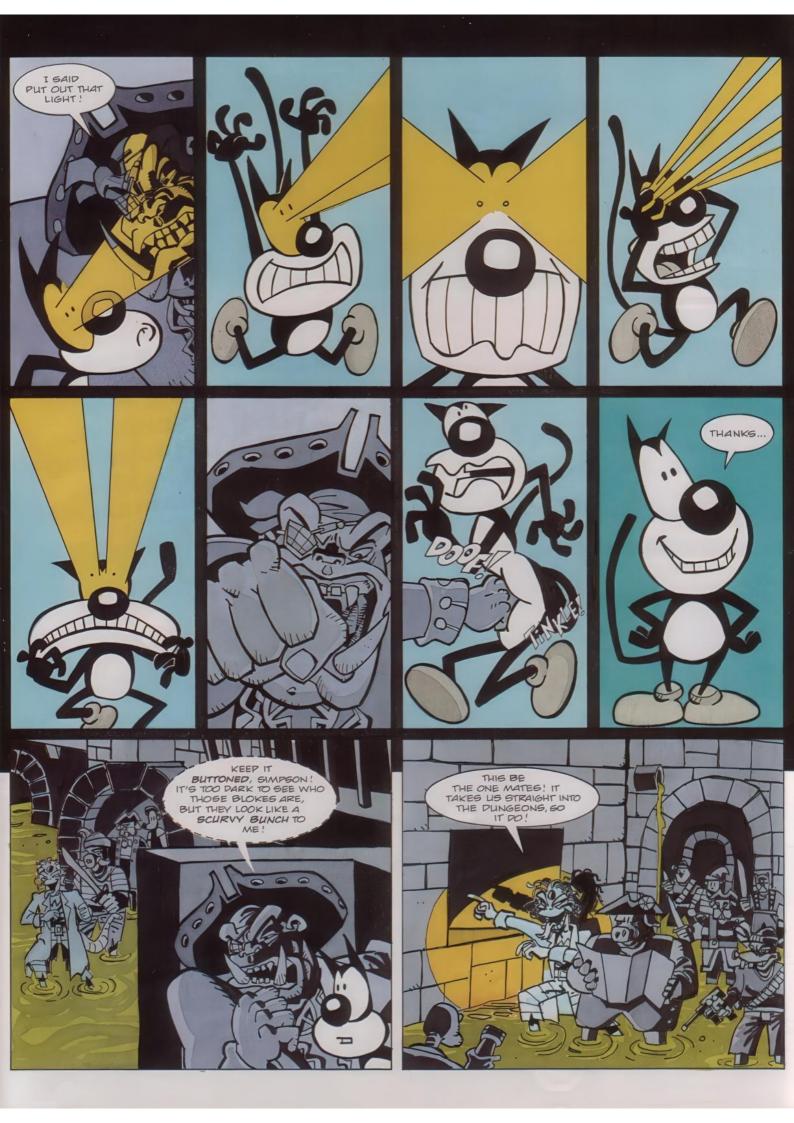


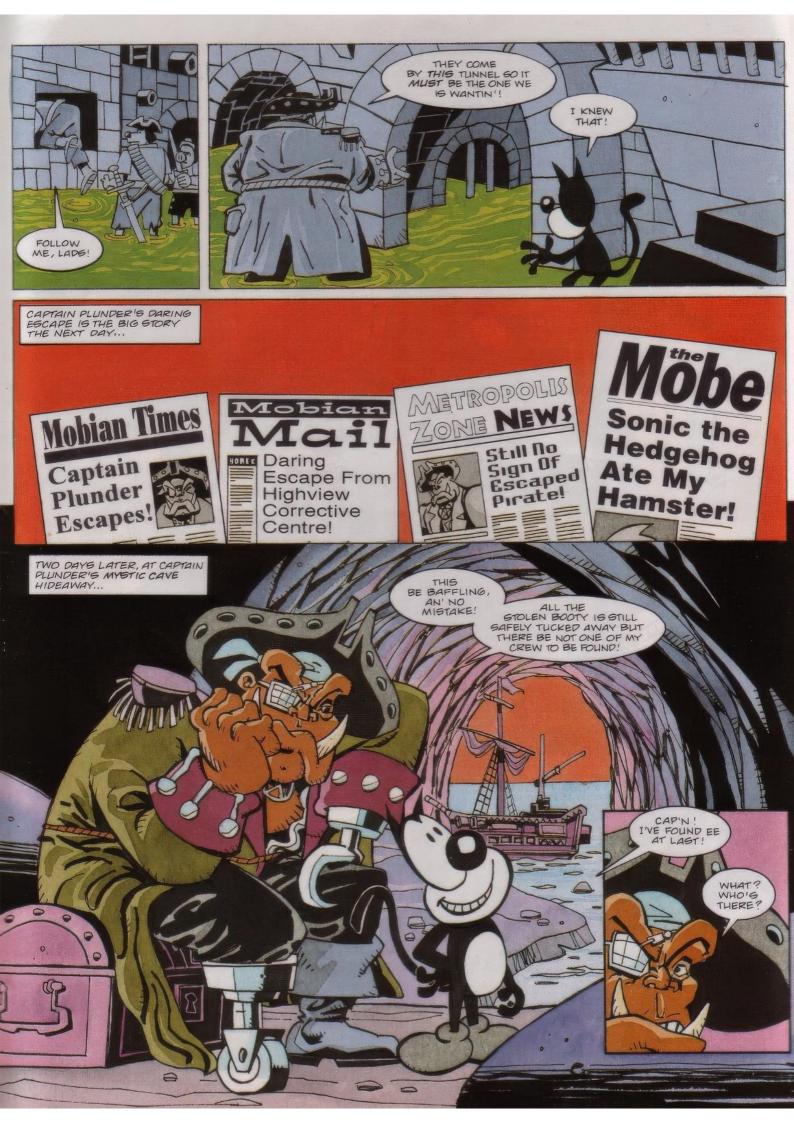


























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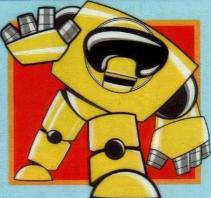


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Megadroid regrets that drawings cannot be returned or correspondence entered into.



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Simon Hilliard, Hythe, Southampton. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Jollie Illie!

Dear Megadroid,

The Datastrip at the back of each issue is stupid! STC collectors like me, are unlikely to cut their issues up, so why don't you have a pull-out section in the middle of the comic?
Oliver Birley, Exeter, Devon.
MD/MS owner.

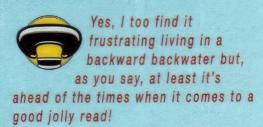
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Some avid STC collectors take a photocopy of each Datastrip, fill in the details and then send it in. Problem solved, Ollie.

Drew a Blank!

Dear STC.

During my holiday in England I noticed that the Sega Activator is not available for sale; it's a circle that you stand in and any movements made are mimicked by a player on screen. However, one thing I took back with me to America which impressed all my pals was a copy of Sonic The Comic. Drew Aldridge, Lexington Park, Maryland, U.S.A.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Prizes to be despatched within approximately 28 days of publication. If you haven't received your prize after that time, please contact the Tomy Care Line direct on the number listed below.



Super Sonnet!

Dear Megadroid

I would like to thank you for the free Valentine's card on STC 45. I gave it to a girl in my class called Sammy who liked it so much she agreed to go out with me. I couldn't have done it without you!

Anthony Mark Foran, Enfield,
Middlesex. MD owner.

Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



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